

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )

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For: CATALYST COMPRISING A METAL COMPLEX OF THE VIII SUBGROUP  
BASED ON A PHOSPHINE AMIDITE LIGAND AND ITS UTILIZATION FOR  
HYDROFORMYLATION AND HYDROCYANATION

Honorable Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified U.S. National  
Stage application, kindly amend the application as follows.